Kansas - Sunflower St.

16:35 Entering St. Joseph passed the Quaker Oats Mfg. Co. Had to detour around Aunt Jemima, she's pretty fat. Also passed Swift, Bartlett & Frazier, & Larabee, Armour.

Boy leading 2 lg. goats as large as a calf. - br.

11 00 many, many vast fields of beautiful golden wheat

11 05 Crossing Missouri River entering Kansas. River gr. muddy. flat.

11 15 stopped Atchison while car was greased went shopping Hot! Garage man says cooler than usual. ate in Atch. Coffee Shop (Hotel)

sent card to J.T.B.

1:10 On again. Sois met a friend in coffee shop she thought she recognized yesterday in Wagon Wheel in New Salem Pk. She wasn't sure because she didn't recognize Kent. We kid her about being caught in Kansas!

2 - 230 Watched the process of wheat being harvested. On the left a modern combine which cuts threshes, drops wh. in to hopper & straw out the rear. In contrast to the old fashioned method of horse & bales on the right

2:45 An exciting race with a freight car. Much waving To

to occupants of open flat car they won, the curves we had to follow made us be the mark.

955 @ RR crossing stop another freight car stopped us completely then stopped themselves. Hot'n the devil when you stop.

A rotting soybean pile for fertilizer makes Brent's nose run.

3:45 Adelle sitting backwards folds up like telescope when Brent stops suddenly for sudden red light. At that moment, Lois' friends from N. J. pull up alongside

to be introduced, then on in a streak.

Passing Kansas River on left, unattractively muddy no appeal even in this heat

4- stopped in Manhattan (!) at an air-cooled soda fountain - Blk. Walnut Seeds

4-x passed Kansas State Agricultural College where #40 + 24 separate We take latter. Shennas block Road merely resurfaced with tar + small stones makes going slower. Cropped wheat fields on both sides now Nothing else except cornfields + trees planted in rows for

Chautauqua Hills
Mills

Elephant child - my bag
Walrus - Adelles " / Crowy Jun
ils - Gene
for windbreaks & sparsely
scattered farmhouses
5:30 Stopped at Clay Center for
the night. Cedar Towns
Places get better & better. While
others were bathing (tub!) Robt
& I found a school playground
where we had a workout on
swings, merry go rounds etc
a slight rain brought us home
Trent has a beautiful dressing
table in his room
mi. 316 - Cabins handscaped beautifully
Supper was apologetically
only an hr. late. They ran
out. My pork chops were tough &
stuff ends, so I had mine. Deals
Warden who looked like Wilson Wells
bed 9:30

July 2nd
Adelles Birthday
6:00 Warden to get up to day. Cloudy
We gave Adelle her gifts at
breakfast at Cedar Courts. Scarf
hand bag, panties, cards, bath shoes
candy. We were too inhibited to
sing "Happy Birthday", but she
wouldn't hold up panties either
7:15 Headed westward across
Kansas. I thought I had
seen the flattest possible land,
but this is endless! Yellow
cropped wheat, or lower pasture
fields spread out on all sides,
except that there is supposed
to be a bumper crop this yr.
Sun's coming out.
8:- Someone ought to tell Kansas

people that Right angle turns in roads are not necessary, Brent says. (Sutton section lines)

All farms have tornado cellars, roughly made. And no kitchen gardens which distresses Lois.

8:20 Passed maybe 20 Boy Scouts on wheels pedaling mile after dreary mile, but they like it, I guess.

8:45 Cowden City - stopped for gas. Bought Conoco this time, felt a bit obligated after the use of their Sonaride People very poor looking, hard working, not well dressed - brown like the soil

Not even any trees out here. Miles + more miles of slightly rolling plains. From atop can see perhaps 40 mi. Fine sun flowers wild along roadside. The day is overcast + quite cool. Quite a number of abandon homes. Whooshed by a lg. herd of black-faced (+ bagged) sheep all following a leader

9:30 With free spirit now sang "Happy Birthday" to Adell. Such a desolate, lonely section. We all agree we're glad we don't live here.

10 - Stocton - where we considered driving on to last night, but

decided when we saw it that it wasn't worth pushing on another 133 miles at 5[15] last night. Sois & Prent have intermittently given us educational discourses. Heavy rain here last night - fields slightly flooded

Stopped to examine & pick some Kansas wheat. Region where, if they get one crop in 6 they can keep alive.

Time out while we eat Robt. thought that plain is grass, not desert. He hardly believes Adelle spots tumbleweed

Effects of storm apparent in spots of erosion

The wheat situation now well in hand. Robt & G. each have some to take apart - it was so hot Yesterday I knitted with the body of the sweater tucked in the coat rack. To-day it's so cool I am glad it is big enough to wrap around legs to keep warm. Prent spies jackrabbits, but we have to take his word for it.

Hill City - desolate, as very poor & dreary: the towns, people & vast lands. More & more erosion signs for miles - The prettiest station in all the station

local pride, says I. Approach richer deep in mud, bldg. con-

colored stone on slight bump of land. Crew waving, attendant urged us on but we declined, despite attraction of adv. coyote.

In these vast stretches of mountains children are salvaged from mist. Lessons by card games

12 noon. Lobby - hungry! cold enough to get out my tweed coat. Lunch at the O'Bell Hotel Coffee Shop

1:05 Waddled out after a wonderful meal - blueberry tart. Sent telegrams. Met Sois' friends again; chatted on street corner company note.

Mountain time
into Colorado

on food & lodging - for 3 days now!

1 - (2 old time) Mountain time - on our way again. Man in telegraph office said that yesterday heavy rain there came about 2 weeks too late - million dollar loss for the county. Wheat two low now, will not mature.

1:35 Off the route for a block or so when the lone Arkansas traveler who has been trailing us, pulled up alongside & said dryly - You missed the route...!

2:20 Stopped in Kanorado for gas and Pepsi-Cola - 1 mi. further crossed the Colorado line

Sun comes out.
On a wide open stretch
Prent opened Penelope up
90 m. p.h. to speed
Country still table flat
But road being resurfaced
takes the speed out of things
for about 10 mi.
We've been seeing lots of little
animals along the road like
a chipmunk or mouse, but
Prent decided they must be
gophers.
No trees at all now, plains
beginning to look more like
desert with yucca growing.
This is the land of the buffalo.

4- We have been playing
Geography (Cities) for at
last 2 hr. having a wonder-
ful time. Suddenly we
mount a crest where you can
see in all smiles. Breathtak-
ingly vast. Sois wants to stop
at the R. Ripley Museum for a
look, but Prent says take a
quick one as we go by.
Joined route #40, the familiar
again which we stay on into
Denver.
4:30 Prent salutes the town
of Buick with his horn
as we go fleeting by. A most
desolate place.

all land range for cattle
On every group of horses there
have been, invariably long
legged colts. War construction
Finished the sleeve of my
sweater!
In the wide sweep of sky
we watched a rain storm
coming up. Its hard to
find words to describe it.
Passed Bi Jou Creek
several times. Its dried up
every time we meet it.
5:30 Our first sight of the
mountains! dimly visible
than the rain clouds
The fields to the right

Passed Big Thompson Canyon, Loveland, Berthoud, Longmont, Lyons

brilliantly lighted with third
particular thunderstorm
brilliance. The plowed
fields look deep maroon
+ purple.

469 mi. Friday

Stopped for night at Santa
Rosa Edwins on the outskirts
of Denver. Ate supper at
30th Cent. Coffee Shop. Prop
seemed hurt I couldn't eat
all my T-bone steak.
We don't know what we
are going to do to-morrow
but we'll think about it then.
We have 2 days here before
Edgar arrives 4 PM 8 a.m.
Raining now - stopped sometime or other

July 3rd

A leisurely awakening between 6 & 7. Lois said it hurt her feelings to get up when she didn't have to, & turned over again. Prent snook out on us for his breakfast. We haven't forgiven him yet. Breakfast in the same manure walled place where we ate last night.

Cloudy & chilly - Sun trying to come out. At breakfast decided to stay here another night to get some washing done. Service seem to get better the further west we go.

1:15 Set off for the city of Denver for lunch. P.O. & A.A.A. where we make plans for this p.m. & to-morrow. Sun out

Stopped for gas at Calso Station lot on credit list we have hit

1:45 Lunch at the Red Fox Inn a most unique place. White-washed brick walls, dk. oak beams, with red satin draperies, ivy, red pot. etc. After ordering halibut, Prent just comment on unwiseness of ordering fish away from coast.

2:30 Next stop AAA, where we planned short trips for this p.m. & to-morrow. On to the P.O. where man held up post card of Mitch. U.S. amphitheatre & said, does this look familiar? It was an Air Mail card from Gene, & letters from Mother & Lee. Happy as a lark.

Wildcat Pt

to get.
3rd Heading out of city Toward the hills. And what ones! The tallest I have ever seen. On the upgrade Trent gives Pendleton encouragement. Up the hair pin turnes up Lookout Mt. 7,304 ft. Impossible to describe the thrills & scares going up. The sheer drops below the series of ranges, the complete whole rainbow. All that any of us could say was Oh! continuously. A 3-sided view dropped at our feet. Spectacular sight in the spotted sunshine. Visited Buffalo Bill's grave & museum where I was

Lookout Mt. Pk.

torn over Indian jewelry. Bought some tiny things. When we came out it was raining. We're thankful we had our view. How the mts. are deep M. gr. with wisps of clouds looking like forest fires on the deep slopes. Thick pine forests the only trees. All kinds of wild flowers abundant. Suddenly down a deep hill there's a little reservoir & beyond a tiny colorful town in a deep NARROW gulch/canyon big boulder rocks & over hanging pines. The whole called the Denver Mt. Parks including Genesee Pk, Bergan, Sedisse - Swede Gulch Bear Creek running thru